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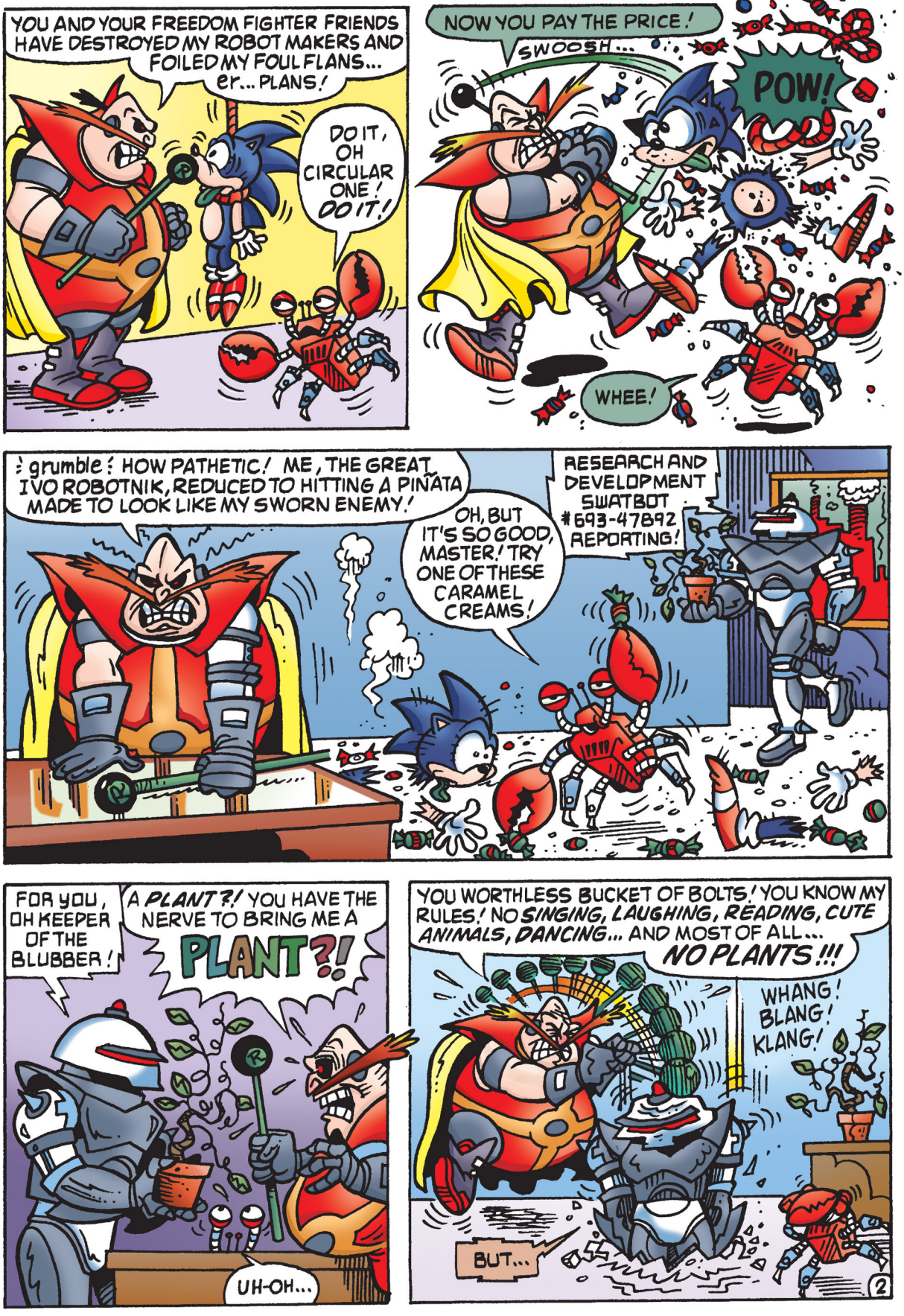
YOU AND YOUR FREEDOM FIGHTER FRIENDS HAVE DESTROYED MY ROBOT MAKERS AND FOILED MY FOUL FLANS... er... PLANS!
DO IT, OH CIRCULAR ONE! DO IT!
NOW YOU PAY THE PRICE!
SWOOSH...
POW!
WHEE!
:grumble: HOW PATHETIC! ME, THE GREAT IVO ROBOTNIK, REDUCED TO HITTING A PIÑATA MADE TO LOOK LIKE MY SWORN ENEMY!
OH, BUT IT'S SO GOOD, MASTER! TRY ONE OF THESE CARAMEL CREAMS!
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SWATBOT #693-47892 REPORTING!
FOR YOU, OH KEEPER OF THE BLUBBER!
A PLANT?! YOU HAVE THE NERVE TO BRING ME A PLANT?!
UH-OH...
YOU WORTHLESS BUCKET OF BOLTS! YOU KNOW MY RULES! NO SINGING, LAUGHING, READING, CUTE ANIMALS, DANCING... AND MOST OF ALL... NO PLANTS!!!
WHANG! BLANG! KLANG!
BUT...
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MASTER...THE PLANT IS NOT ORGANIC! IT'S MECHANICAL! I CALL IT... KRUDZU!
WOTZAT?
BZZT... CLICK... WHIRRR...
LOOK!
GADZOOKS! IT'S TRUE! IT'S A MACHINE!
HAIL, ROBOTNIK!
:ULP! AND A SCARY ONE AT THAT!
YIKES! IT GROWS SO FAST! IT'S GOT ME TRAPPED! HELP!
A MOST INTERESTING CONCEPT! HOW CAN I USE KRUDZU AGAINST SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS?
BY HAVING THIS CUSTOMIZED BURROBOT SEED THE GREAT FOREST, YOUR LARDNESS!
KCCCK...
YUM!
CLANK-CLANK...
OBSERVE HOW HE DIGS A TRENCH WHILE SPREADING THE SEEDS OF DESTRUCTION!
A WONDERFULLY SINISTER PLAN!
ZIP!
ZIP!
ZING!
ZING!
CLANK-CLANK-CLANK
CHOPITA-CHOPITA-CHOP!!!
ONE THAT ONLY I COULD HAVE CONCEIVED OF! ISN'T THAT RIGHT, BURROBOT?... OR DO YOU WANT TO BE PROMOTED TO THE SPARE PARTS DEPARTMENT, TOO?
Y-YESSIR...N-N-NOSSIR... WHATEVER YOU SAY!
SALUTE!
ROBOT DISPOSAL
CRUNCH! MANGLE!
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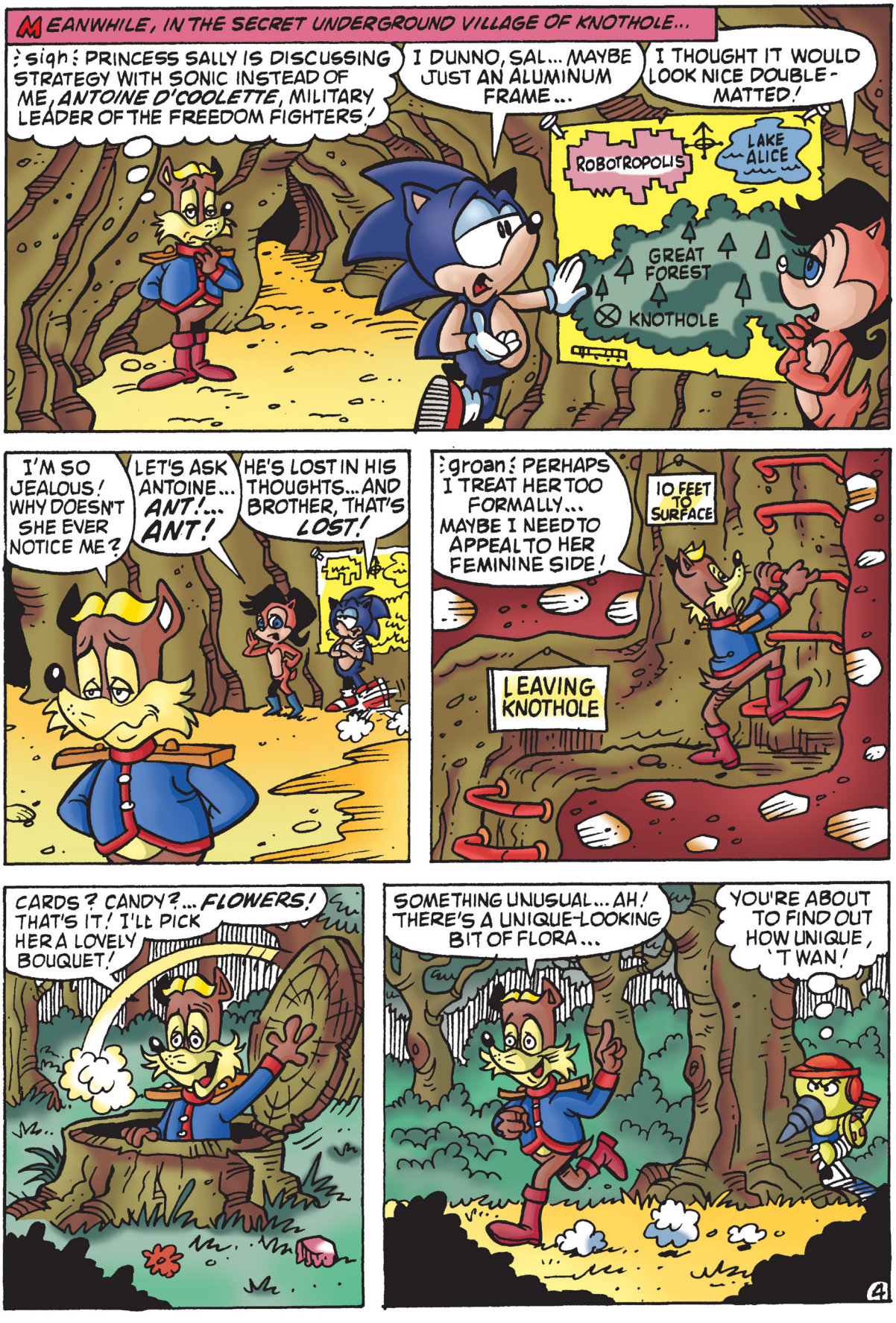
MEANWHILE, IN THE SECRET UNDERGROUND VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE...
:sigh: PRINCESS SALLY IS DISCUSSING STRATEGY WITH SONIC INSTEAD OF ME, ANTOINE D'COOLETTE, MILITARY LEADER OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
I DUNNO, SAL... MAYBE JUST AN ALUMINUM FRAME...
I THOUGHT IT WOULD LOOK NICE DOUBLE-MATTED!
ROBOTROPOLIS
LAKE ALICE
GREAT FOREST
KNOTHOLE
I'M SO JEALOUS! WHY DOESN'T SHE EVER NOTICE ME?
LET'S ASK ANTOINE... ANT!... ANT!
HE'S LOST IN HIS THOUGHTS... AND BROTHER, THAT'S LOST!
:groan: PERHAPS I TREAT HER TOO FORMALLY... MAYBE I NEED TO APPEAL TO HER FEMININE SIDE!
10 FEET TO SURFACE
LEAVING KNOTHOLE
CARDS? CANDY?... FLOWERS! THAT'S IT! I'LL PICK HER A LOVELY BOUQUET!
SOMETHING UNUSUAL... AH! THERE'S A UNIQUE-LOOKING BIT OF FLORA...
YOU'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT HOW UNIQUE, 'T WAN!
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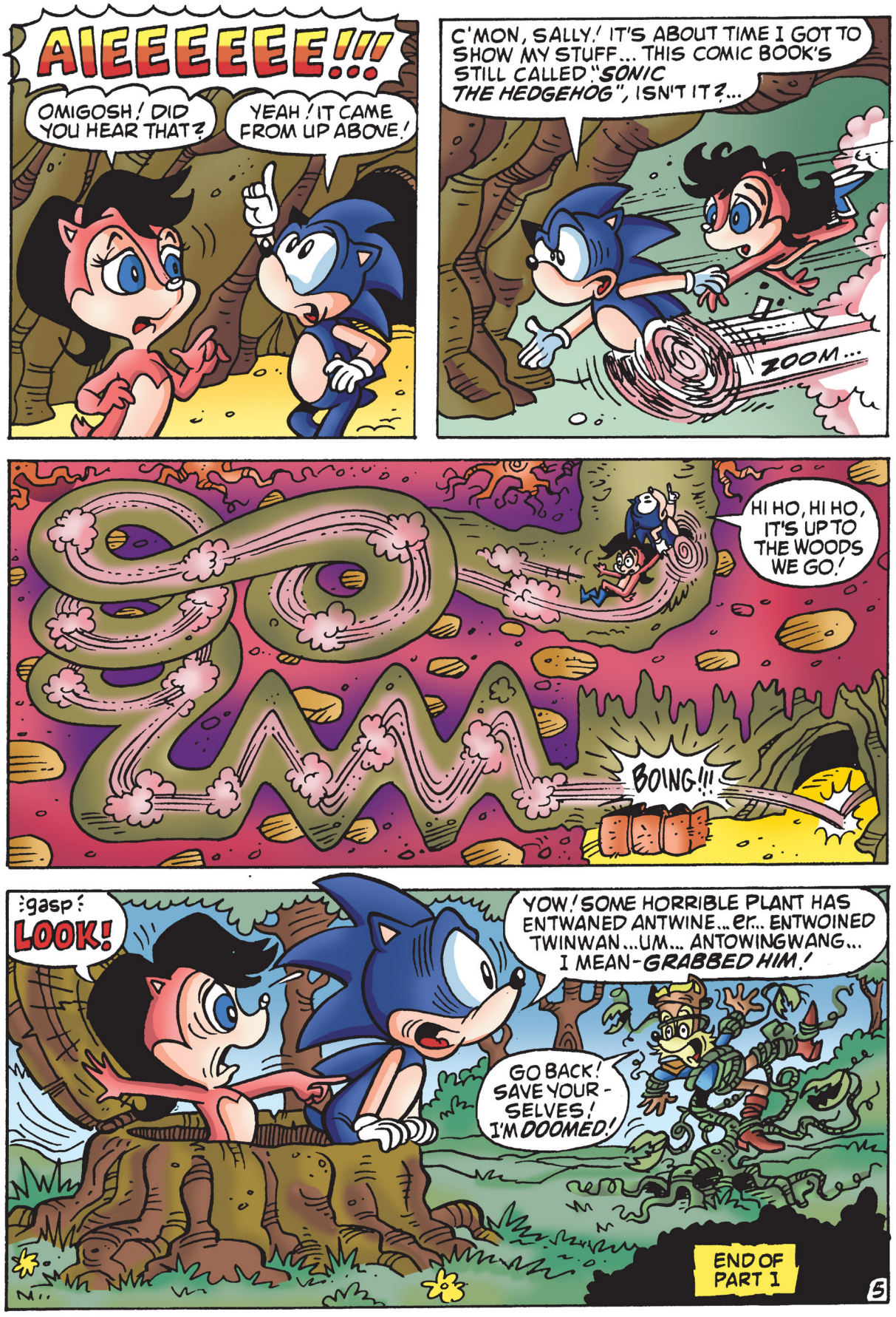
AIEEEEEE!!!
OMIGOSH! DID YOU HEAR THAT?
YEAH! IT CAME FROM UP ABOVE!
C'MON, SALLY! IT'S ABOUT TIME I GOT TO SHOW MY STUFF... THIS COMIC BOOK'S STILL CALLED "SONIC THE HEDGEHOG", ISN'T IT?...
ZOOM...
ZOOM
HI HO, HI HO, IT'S UP TO THE WOODS WE GO!
BOING!!!
:gasp: LOOK!
YOW! SOME HORRIBLE PLANT HAS ENTWANED ANTWINE... er... ENTWOINED TWINWAN... UM... ANTOWINGWANG... I MEAN - GRABBED HIM!
GO BACK! SAVE YOUR-SELVES! I'M DOOMED!
END OF PART 1
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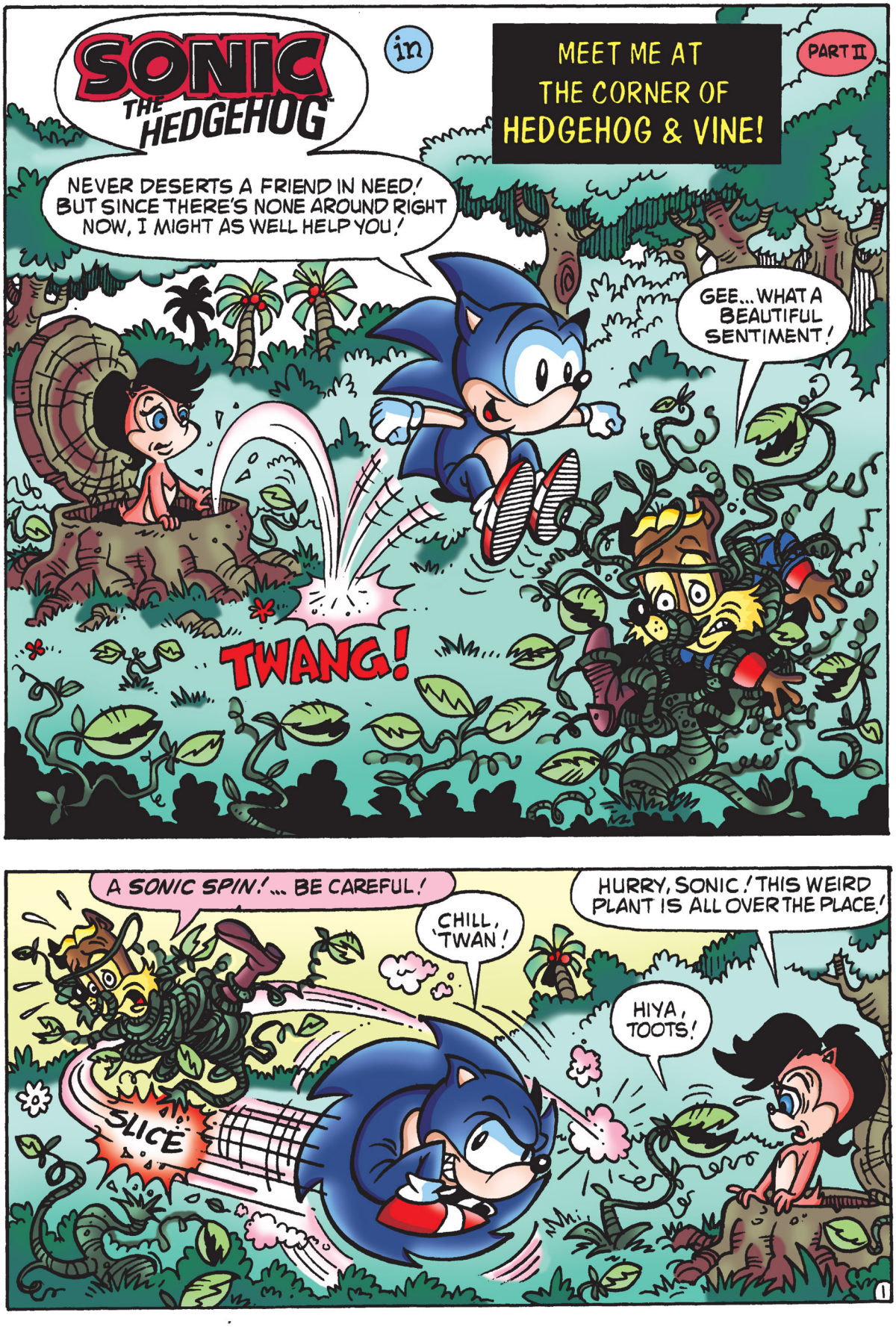
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
in
MEET ME AT THE CORNER OF HEDGEHOG & VINE!
PART II
NEVER DESERTS A FRIEND IN NEED! BUT SINCE THERE'S NONE AROUND RIGHT NOW, I MIGHT AS WELL HELP YOU!
GEE... WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SENTIMENT!
TWANG!
A SONIC SPIN!... BE CAREFUL!
CHILL, 'TWAN!
HURRY, SONIC! THIS WEIRD PLANT IS ALL OVER THE PLACE!
HIYA, TOOTS!
SLICE
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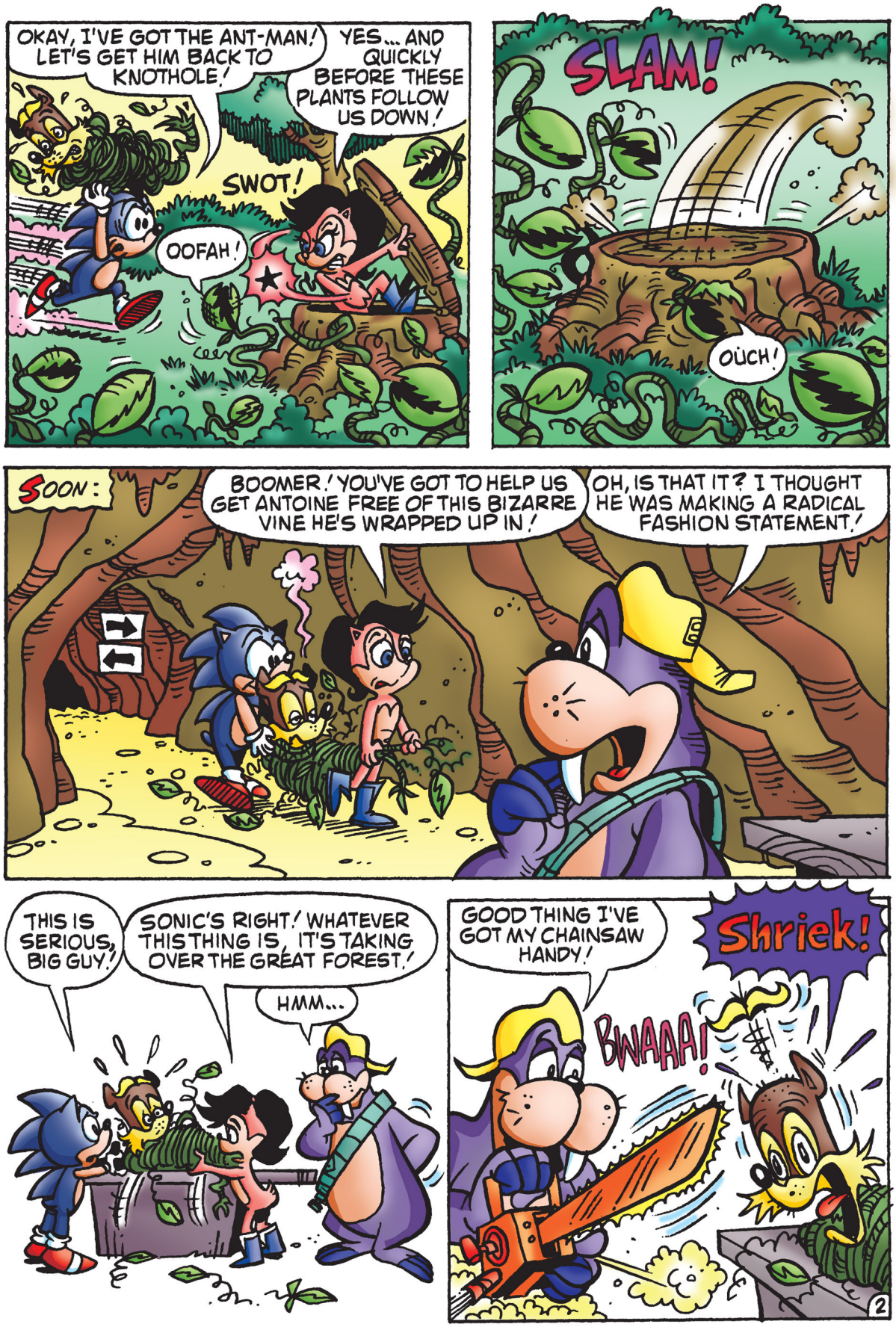
OKAY, I'VE GOT THE ANT-MAN! LET'S GET HIM BACK TO KNOTHOLE!
YES... AND QUICKLY BEFORE THESE PLANTS FOLLOW US DOWN!
SWOT!
OOFAH!
SLAM!
OUCH!
SOON:
BOOMER! YOU'VE GOT TO HELP US GET ANTOINE FREE OF THIS BIZARRE VINE HE'S WRAPPED UP IN!
OH, IS THAT IT? I THOUGHT HE WAS MAKING A RADICAL FASHION STATEMENT!
THIS IS SERIOUS, BIG GUY!
SONIC'S RIGHT! WHATEVER THIS THING IS, IT'S TAKING OVER THE GREAT FOREST!
HMM...
GOOD THING I'VE GOT MY CHAINSAW HANDY!
Shriek!
BWAAA!
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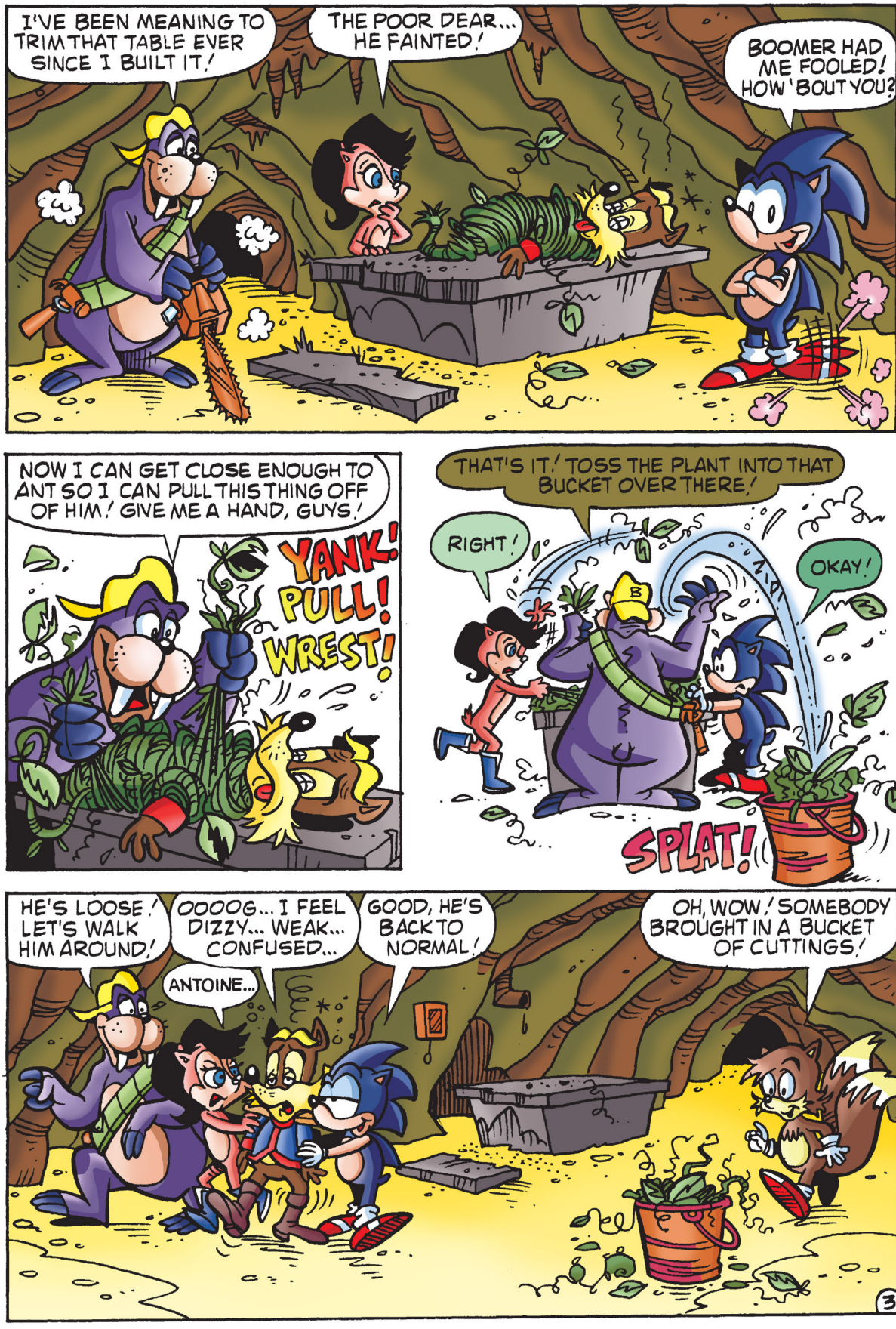
I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TRIM THAT TABLE EVER SINCE I BUILT IT!
THE POOR DEAR... HE FAINTED!
BOOMER HAD ME FOOLED! HOW 'BOUT YOU?
NOW I CAN GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO ANT SO I CAN PULL THIS THING OFF OF HIM! GIVE ME A HAND, GUYS!
YANK! PULL! WREST!
THAT'S IT! TOSS THE PLANT INTO THAT BUCKET OVER THERE!
RIGHT!
OKAY!
SPLAT!
HE'S LOOSE! LET'S WALK HIM AROUND!
OOOOG... I FEEL DIZZY... WEAK... CONFUSED...
ANTOINE...
GOOD, HE'S BACK TO NORMAL!
OH, WOW! SOMEBODY BROUGHT IN A BUCKET OF CUTTINGS!
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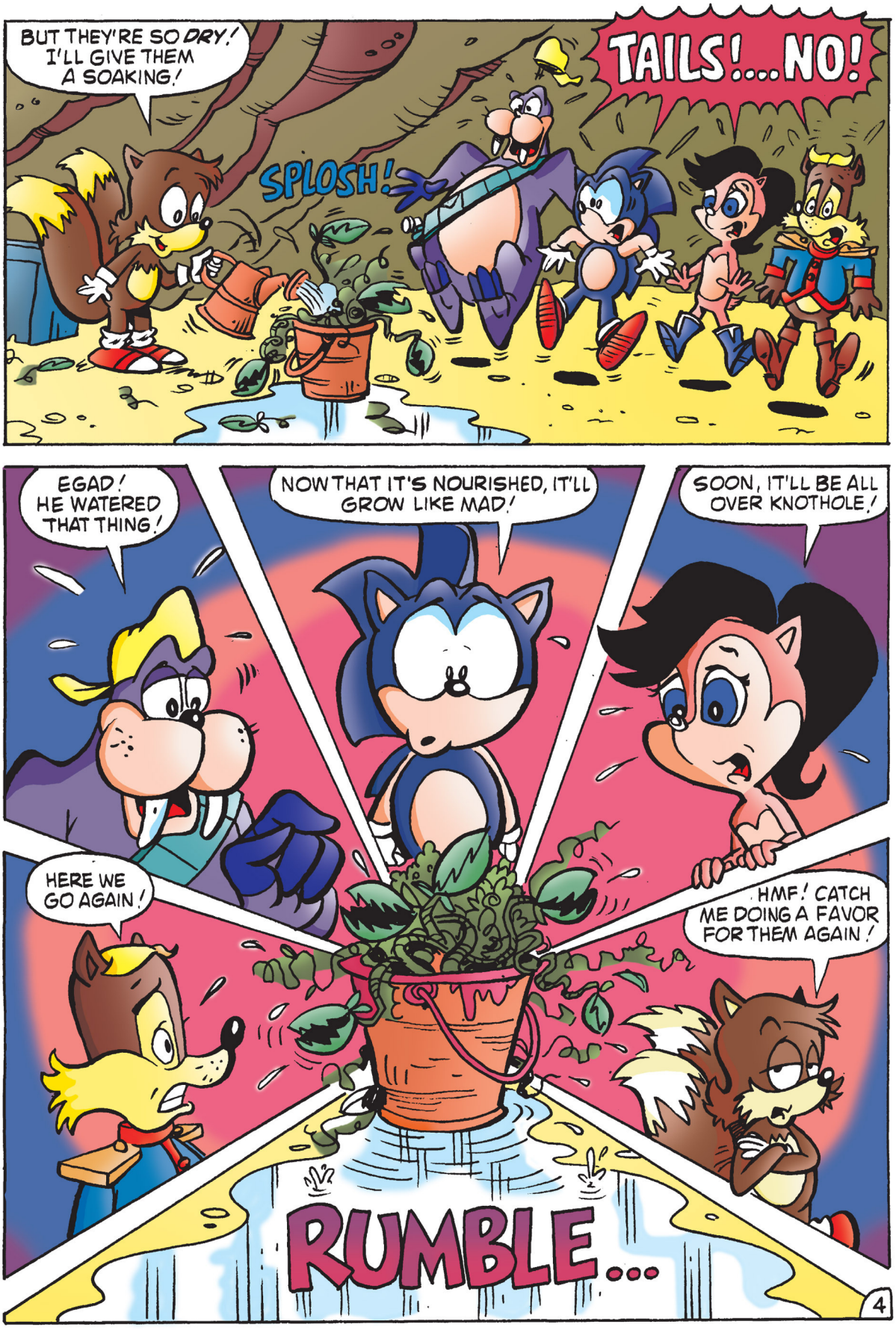
BUT THEY'RE SO DRY! I'LL GIVE THEM A SOAKING!
SPLOSH!
TAILS!...NO!
EGAD! HE WATERED THAT THING!
NOW THAT IT'S NOURISHED, IT'LL GROW LIKE MAD!
SOON, IT'LL BE ALL OVER KNOTHOLE!
HERE WE GO AGAIN!
HMF! CATCH ME DOING A FAVOR FOR THEM AGAIN!
RUMBLE...

MEANWHILE...
WONDERFUL... EXCELLENT! THE KRUDZU HAS ALMOST COMPLETELY ENGULFED THE GREAT FOREST!
SEE THE GREAT FOREST 25¢
PLUS $.50 TAX
WHEN THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS EMERGE FROM THE FOREST, THEY'LL BE ATTACKED BY A SQUADRON OF BUZZBOMBERS!
OOOPS!
AND IF THEY STAY IN THE WOODS, KRUDZU WILL SMOTHER THEM! EITHER WAY, SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS PERISH! HOO HA HEE HEE HAA--
EEEEK!
SORRY... SOMETIMES I'M SO EVIL, I EVEN SCARE MYSELF!
BLUSH!
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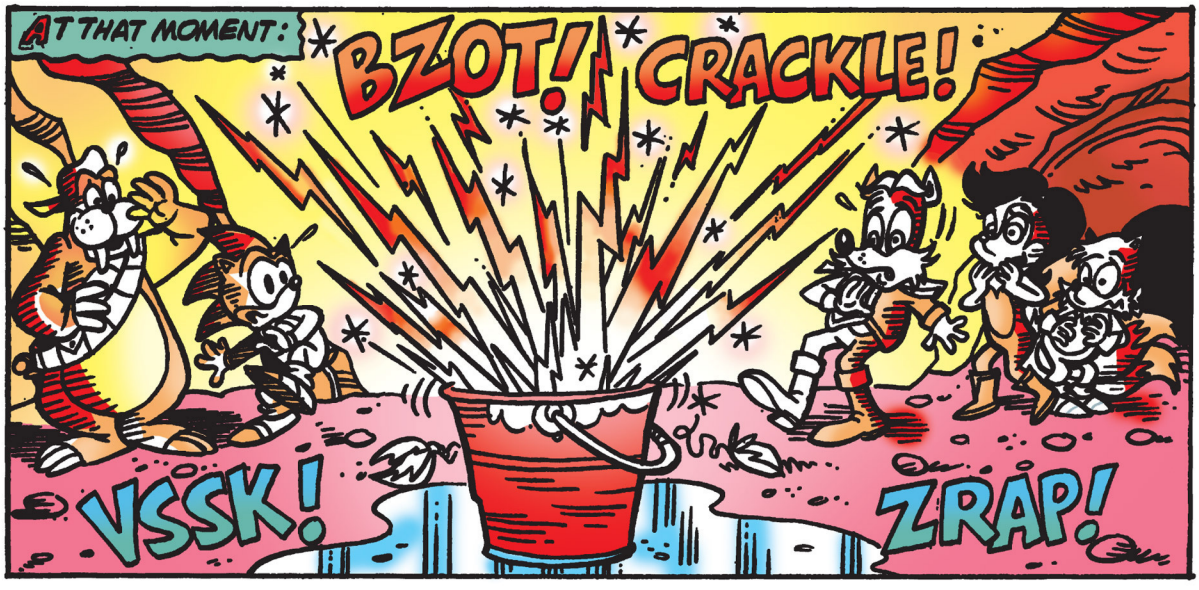
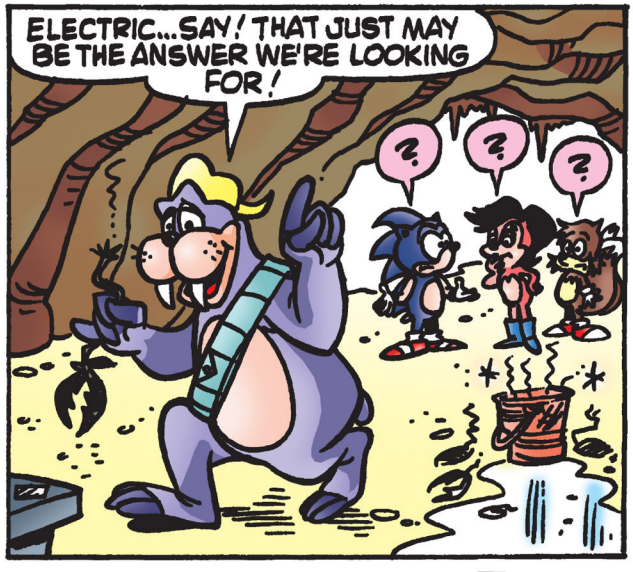

AT THAT MOMENT:
BZOT!
CRACKLE!
VSSK!
ZRAP!

SHEESH! IS IT DONE?
I'LL SAY... AND WHAT A STENCH!... SMELLS LIKE AN ELECTRICAL FIRE!
Toot
honk!
PLIP!


ELECTRIC... SAY! THAT JUST MAY BE THE ANSWER WE'RE LOOKING FOR!
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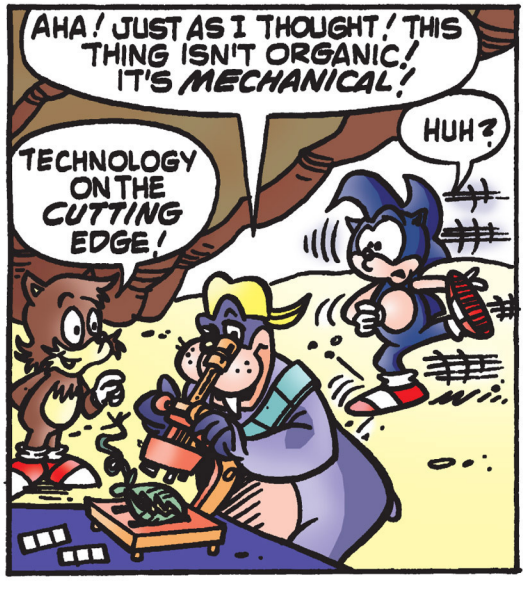
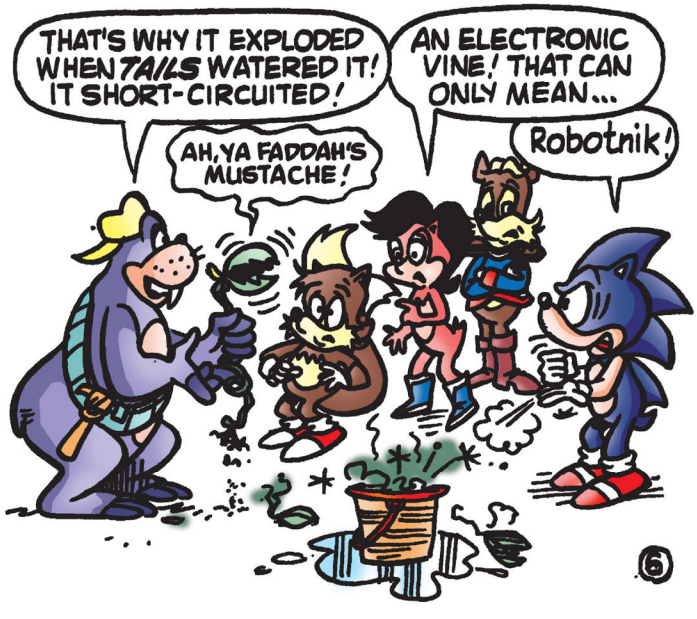
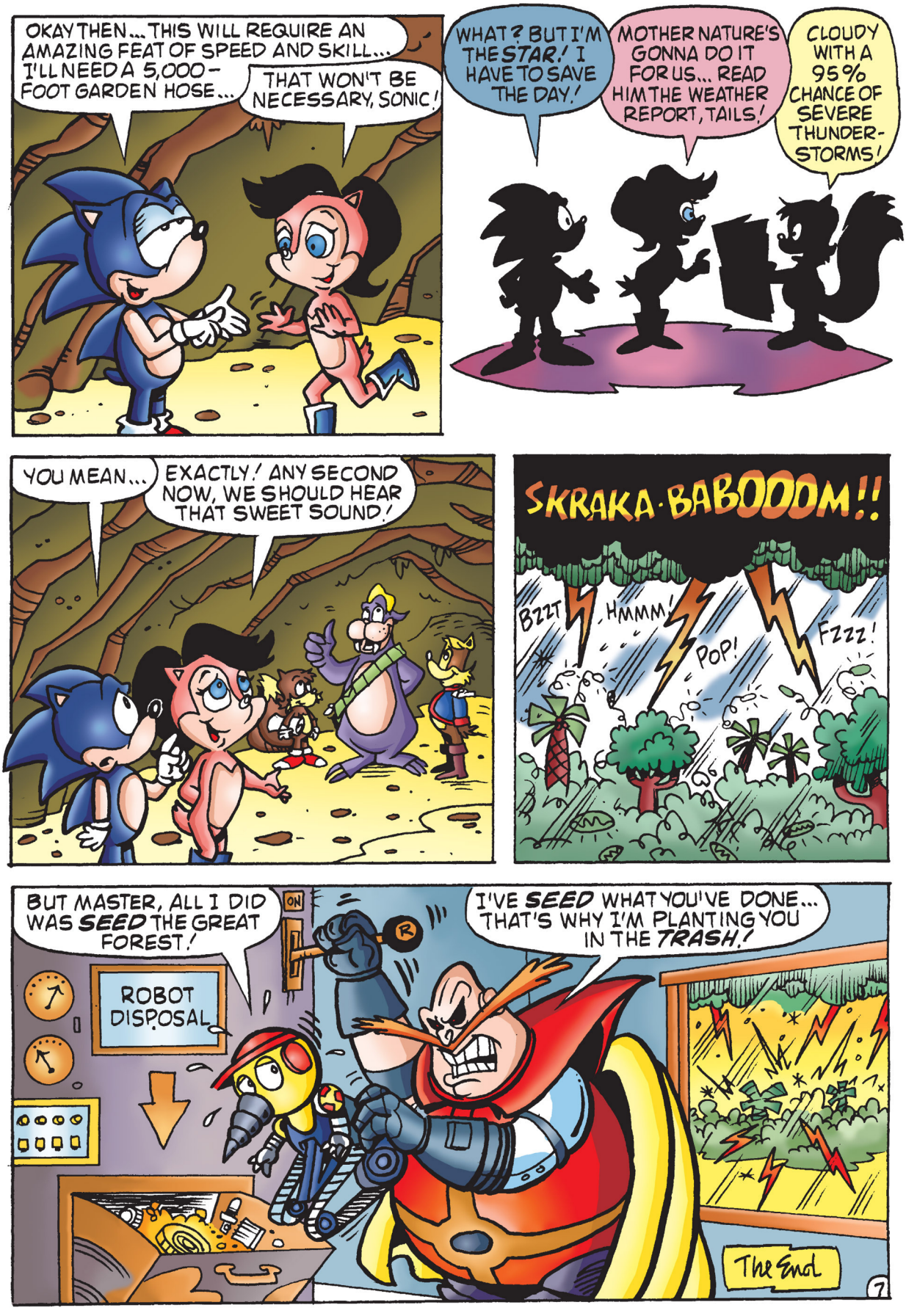

AHA! JUST AS I THOUGHT! THIS THING ISN'T ORGANIC! IT'S MECHANICAL!
HUH?
TECHNOLOGY ON THE CUTTING EDGE!


THAT'S WHY IT EXPLODED WHEN TAILS WATERED IT! IT SHORT-CIRCUITED!
AH, YA FADDAH'S MUSTACHE!
AN ELECTRONIC VINE! THAT CAN ONLY MEAN...
Robotnik!


OKAY THEN... THIS WILL REQUIRE AN AMAZING FEAT OF SPEED AND SKILL... I'LL NEED A 5,000-FOOT GARDEN HOSE...
THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY, SONIC!
WHAT? BUT I'M THE STAR! I HAVE TO SAVE THE DAY!
MOTHER NATURE'S GONNA DO IT FOR US... READ HIM THE WEATHER REPORT, TAILS!
CLOUDY WITH A 95% CHANCE OF SEVERE THUNDER-STORMS!
YOU MEAN...
EXACTLY! ANY SECOND NOW, WE SHOULD HEAR THAT SWEET SOUND!
SKRAKA-BABOOOM!!
BZZT
HMMM!
POP!
FZZZ!
BUT MASTER, ALL I DID WAS SEED THE GREAT FOREST!
ON
R
ROBOT DISPOSAL
I'VE SEED WHAT YOU'VE DONE... THAT'S WHY I'M PLANTING YOU IN THE TRASH!
The End
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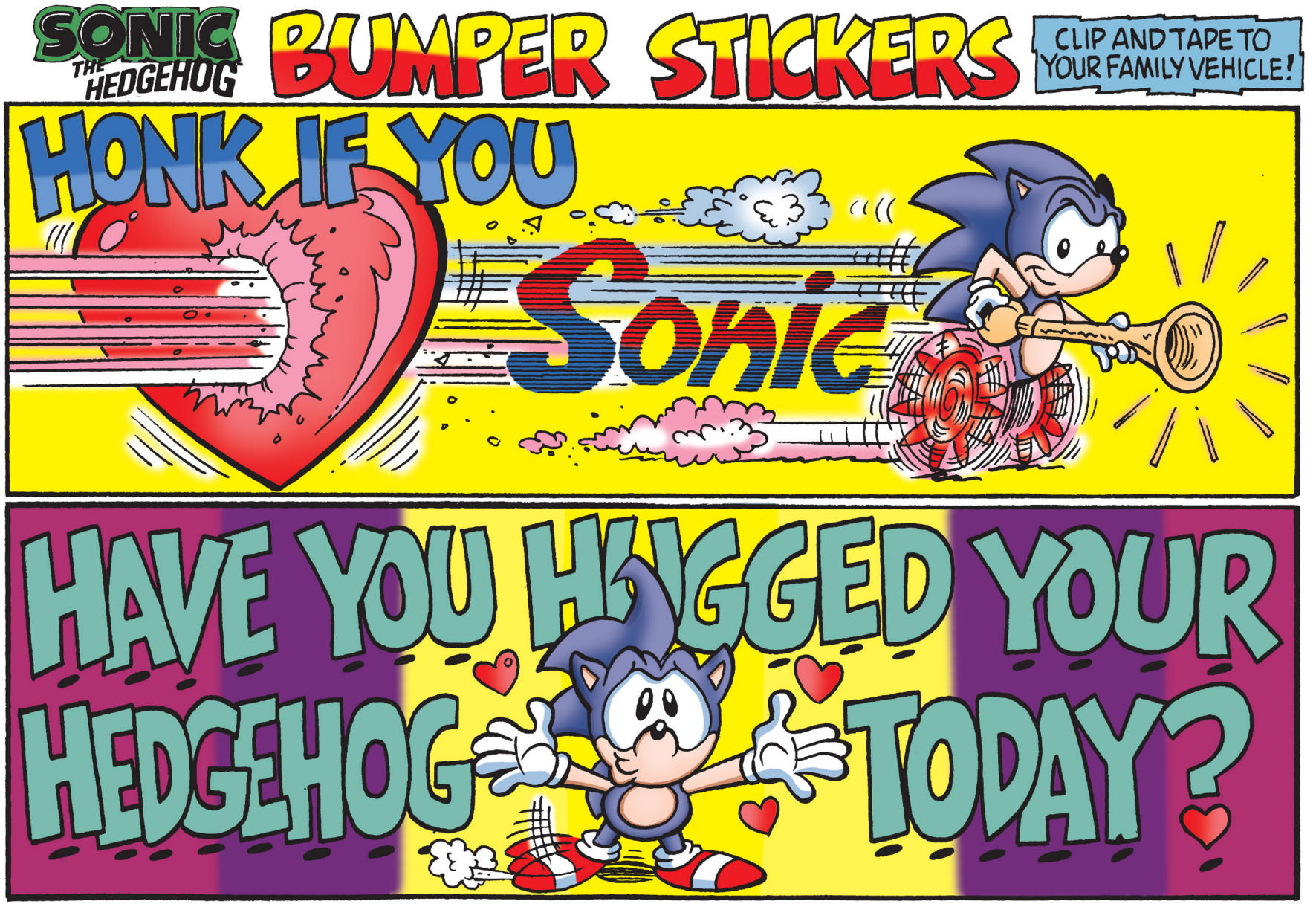
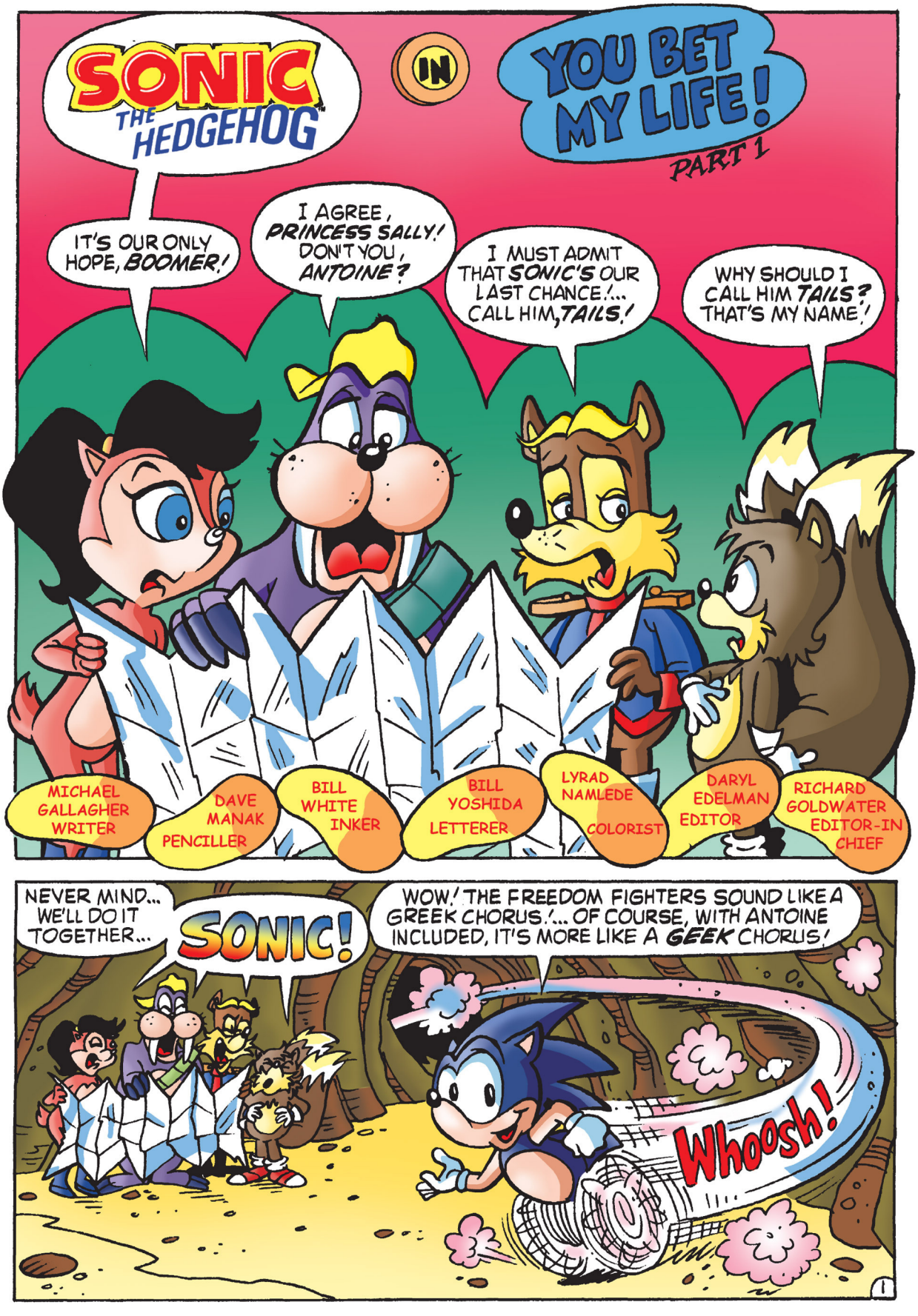

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
BUMPER STICKERS
CLIP AND TAPE TO YOUR FAMILY VEHICLE!
HONK IF YOU
Sonic
HAVE YOU HUGGED YOUR HEDGEHOG TODAY?

I'D RATHER BE PLAYING
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
IF YOU CAN READ THIS...
YOU SHOULD BE READING
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
COMICS!
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG


SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
IN
YOU BET MY LIFE!
PART 1
IT'S OUR ONLY HOPE, BOOMER!
I AGREE, PRINCESS SALLY! DON'T YOU, ANTOINE?
I MUST ADMIT THAT SONIC'S OUR LAST CHANCE!... CALL HIM, TAILS!
WHY SHOULD I CALL HIM TAILS? THAT'S MY NAME!
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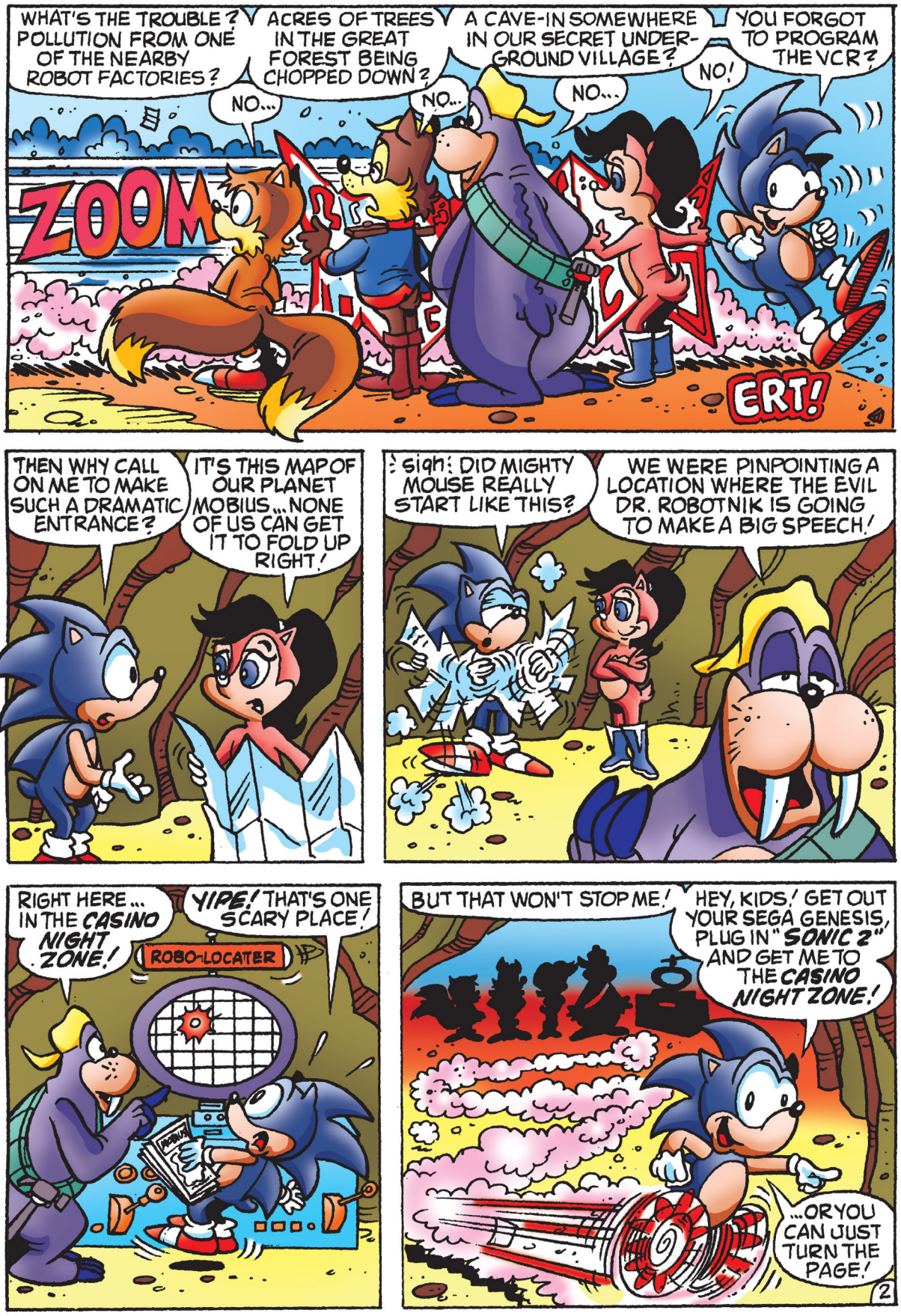
NEVER MIND... WE'LL DO IT TOGETHER...
SONIC!
WOW! THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS SOUND LIKE A GREEK CHORUS!... OF COURSE, WITH ANTOINE INCLUDED, IT'S MORE LIKE A GEEK CHORUS!
Whoosh!


WHAT'S THE TROUBLE? POLLUTION FROM ONE OF THE NEARBY ROBOT FACTORIES?
NO...
ACRES OF TREES IN THE GREAT FOREST BEING CHOPPED DOWN?
NO...
A CAVE-IN SOMEWHERE IN OUR SECRET UNDER-GROUND VILLAGE?
NO...
YOU FORGOT TO PROGRAM THE VCR?
NO!
ZOOM
ERT!
THEN WHY CALL ON ME TO MAKE SUCH A DRAMATIC ENTRANCE?
IT'S THIS MAP OF OUR PLANET MOBIUS... NONE OF US CAN GET IT TO FOLD UP RIGHT!
:sigh: DID MIGHTY MOUSE REALLY START LIKE THIS?
WE WERE PINPOINTING A LOCATION WHERE THE EVIL DR. ROBOTNIK IS GOING TO MAKE A BIG SPEECH!
RIGHT HERE... IN THE CASINO NIGHT ZONE!
YIPE! THAT'S ONE SCARY PLACE!
ROBO-LOCATER
BUT THAT WON'T STOP ME!
HEY, KIDS! GET OUT YOUR SEGA GENESIS, PLUG IN "SONIC 2" AND GET ME TO THE CASINO NIGHT ZONE!
...OR YOU CAN JUST TURN THE PAGE!
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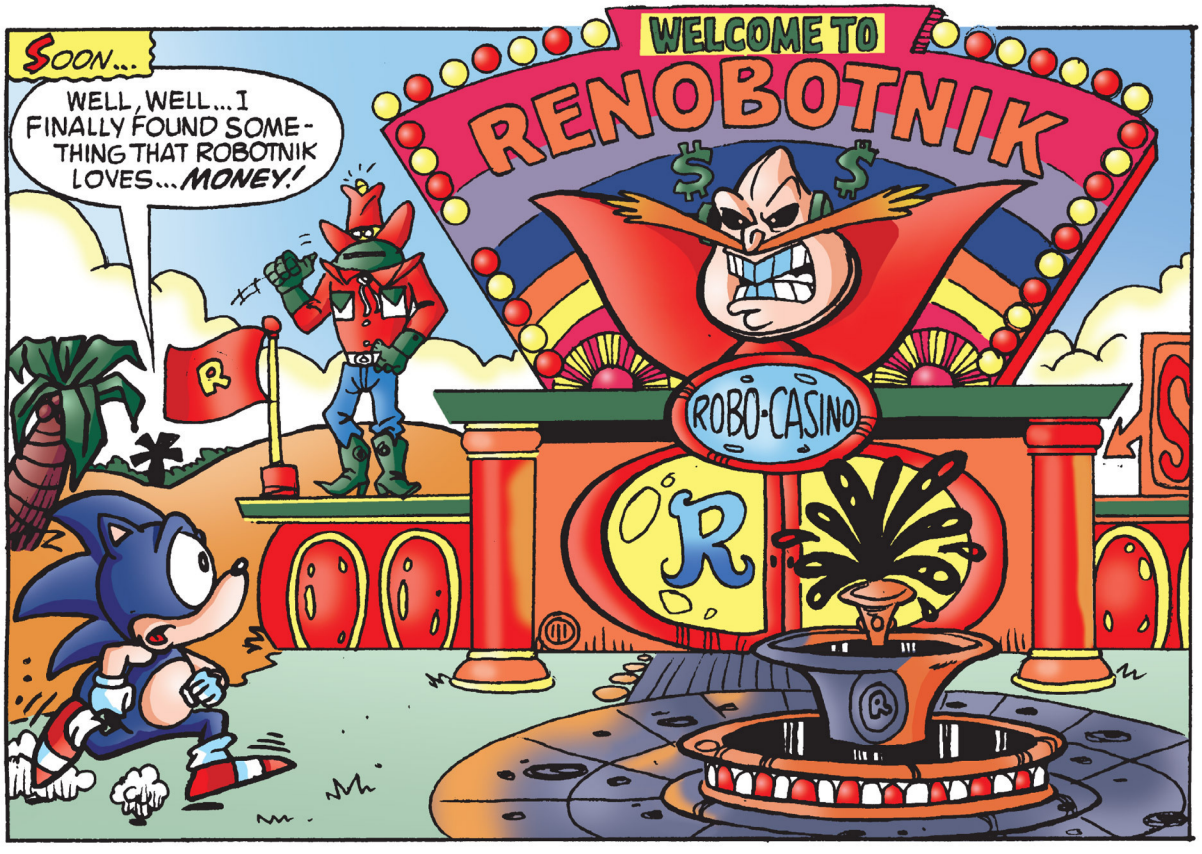
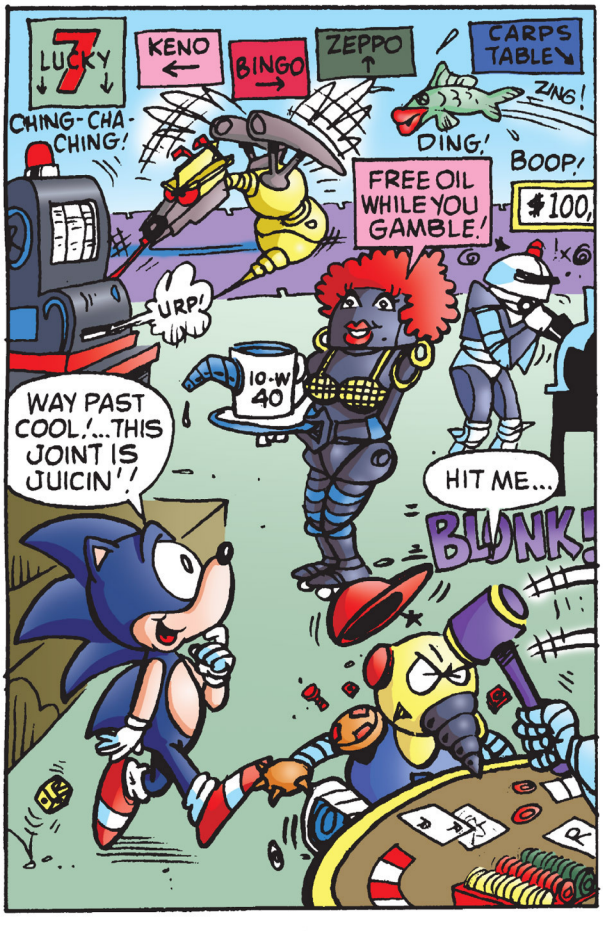
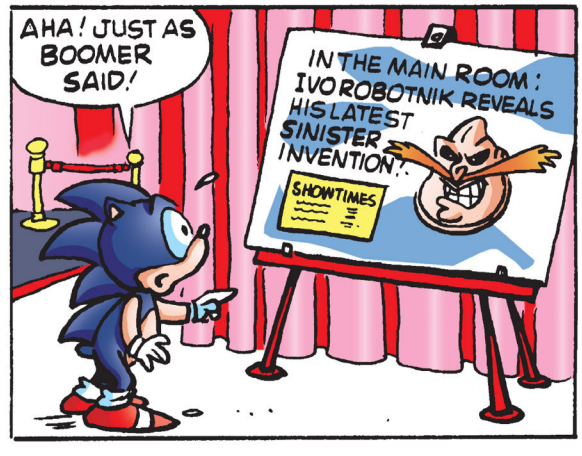

SOON...
WELL, WELL... I FINALLY FOUND SOMETHING THAT ROBOTNIK LOVES... MONEY!
WELCOME TO
RENOBOTNIK
ROBO-CASINO


LUCKY 7
KENO
BINGO
ZEPPO
CARPS TABLE
CHING-CHA-CHING!
ZING!
DING!
BOOP!
FREE OIL WHILE YOU GAMBLE!
$100
URP!
10-W 40
WAY PAST COOL!... THIS JOINT IS JUICIN'!
HIT ME...
BLINK!


AHA! JUST AS BOOMER SAID!
IN THE MAIN ROOM: IVO ROBOTNIK REVEALS HIS LATEST SINISTER INVENTION!
SHOWTIMES

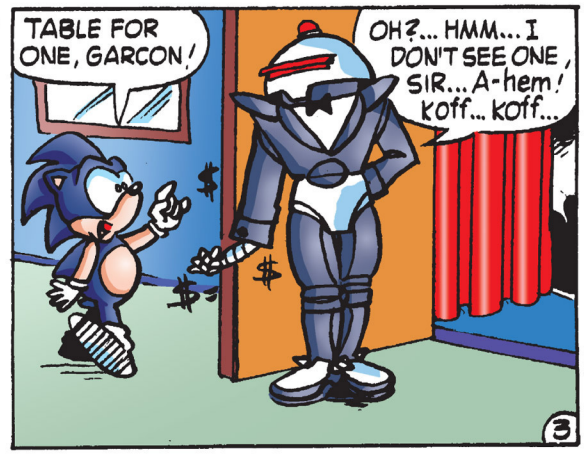
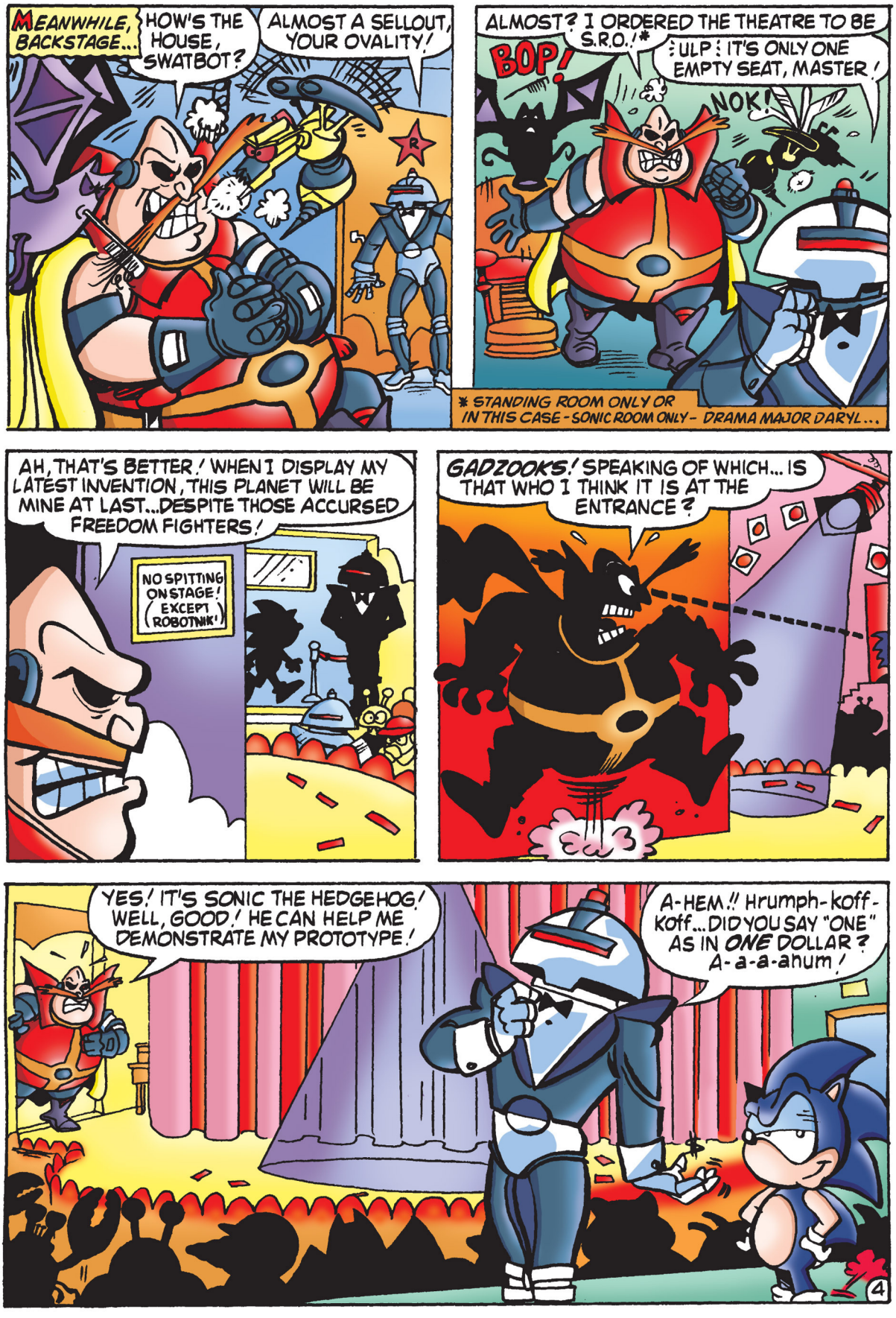


TABLE FOR ONE, GARCON!
OH?... HMM... I DON'T SEE ONE, SIR... A-hem! koff... koff...


MEANWHILE, BACKSTAGE...
HOW'S THE HOUSE, SWATBOT?
ALMOST A SELLOUT, YOUR OVALITY!
ALMOST? I ORDERED THE THEATRE TO BE S.R.O.!*
BOP!
:ULP: IT'S ONLY ONE EMPTY SEAT, MASTER!
NOK!
* STANDING ROOM ONLY OR IN THIS CASE - SONIC ROOM ONLY - DRAMA MAJOR DARYL...
AH, THAT'S BETTER! WHEN I DISPLAY MY LATEST INVENTION, THIS PLANET WILL BE MINE AT LAST...DESPITE THOSE ACCURSED FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
NO SPITTING ON STAGE! (EXCEPT ROBOTNIK!)
GADZOOKS! SPEAKING OF WHICH... IS THAT WHO I THINK IT IS AT THE ENTRANCE?
YES! IT'S SONIC THE HEDGEHOG! WELL, GOOD! HE CAN HELP ME DEMONSTRATE MY PROTOTYPE!
A-HEM!! Hrumph-koff-koff...DID YOU SAY "ONE" AS IN ONE DOLLAR? A-a-a-anum!
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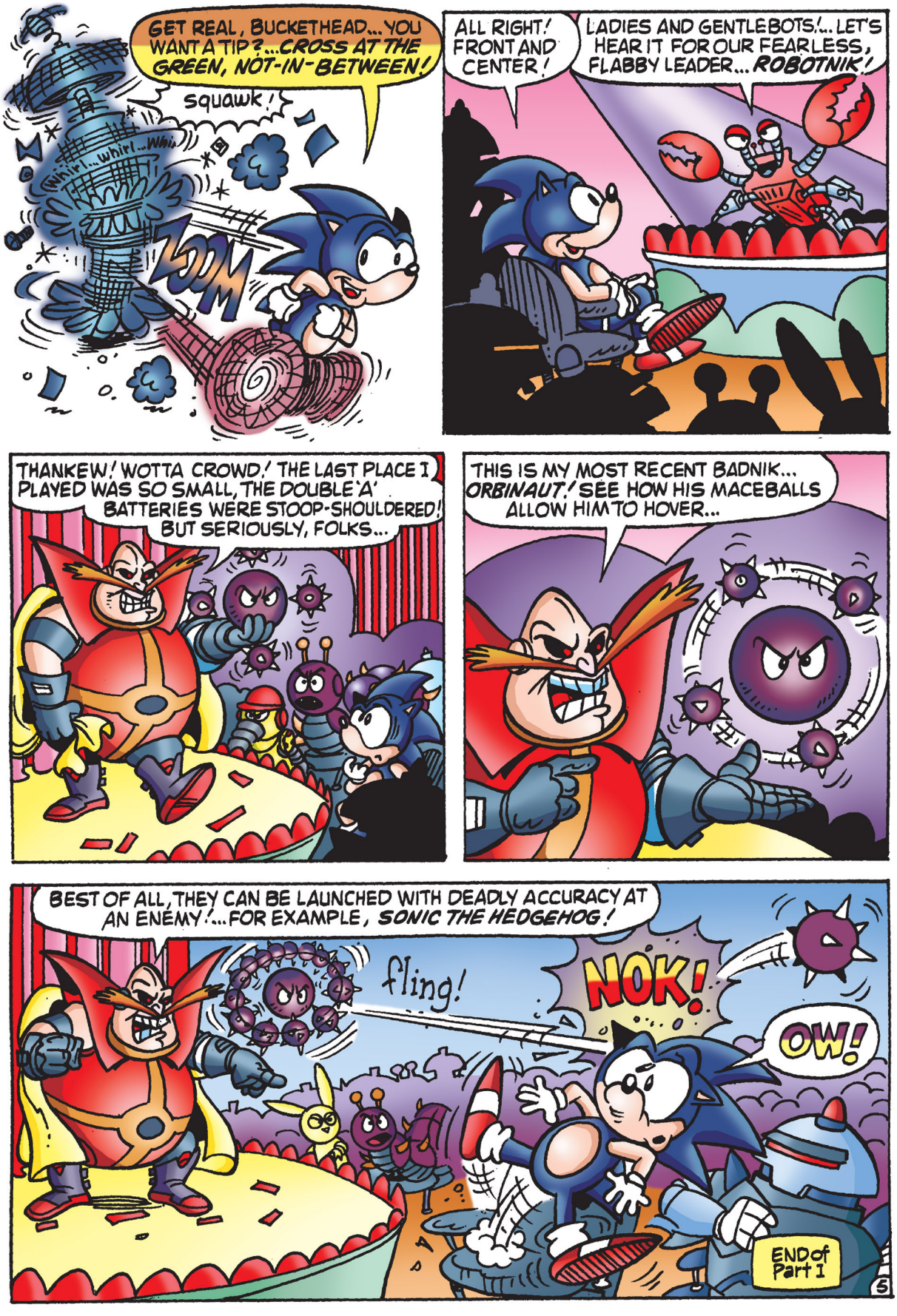
GET REAL, BUCKETHEAD... YOU WANT A TIP?...CROSS AT THE GREEN, NOT-IN-BETWEEN!
squawk!
whirl...whirl...whirl...
ZOOM
ALL RIGHT! FRONT AND CENTER!
LADIES AND GENTLEBOTS!... LET'S HEAR IT FOR OUR FEARLESS, FLABBY LEADER... ROBOTNIK!
THANKEW! WOTTA CROWD! THE LAST PLACE I PLAYED WAS SO SMALL, THE DOUBLE 'A' BATTERIES WERE STOOP-SHOULDERED! BUT SERIOUSLY, FOLKS...
THIS IS MY MOST RECENT BADNIK... ORBINAUT! SEE HOW HIS MACEBALLS ALLOW HIM TO HOVER...
BEST OF ALL, THEY CAN BE LAUNCHED WITH DEADLY ACCURACY AT AN ENEMY!...FOR EXAMPLE, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
fling!
NOK!
OW!
END of Part 1
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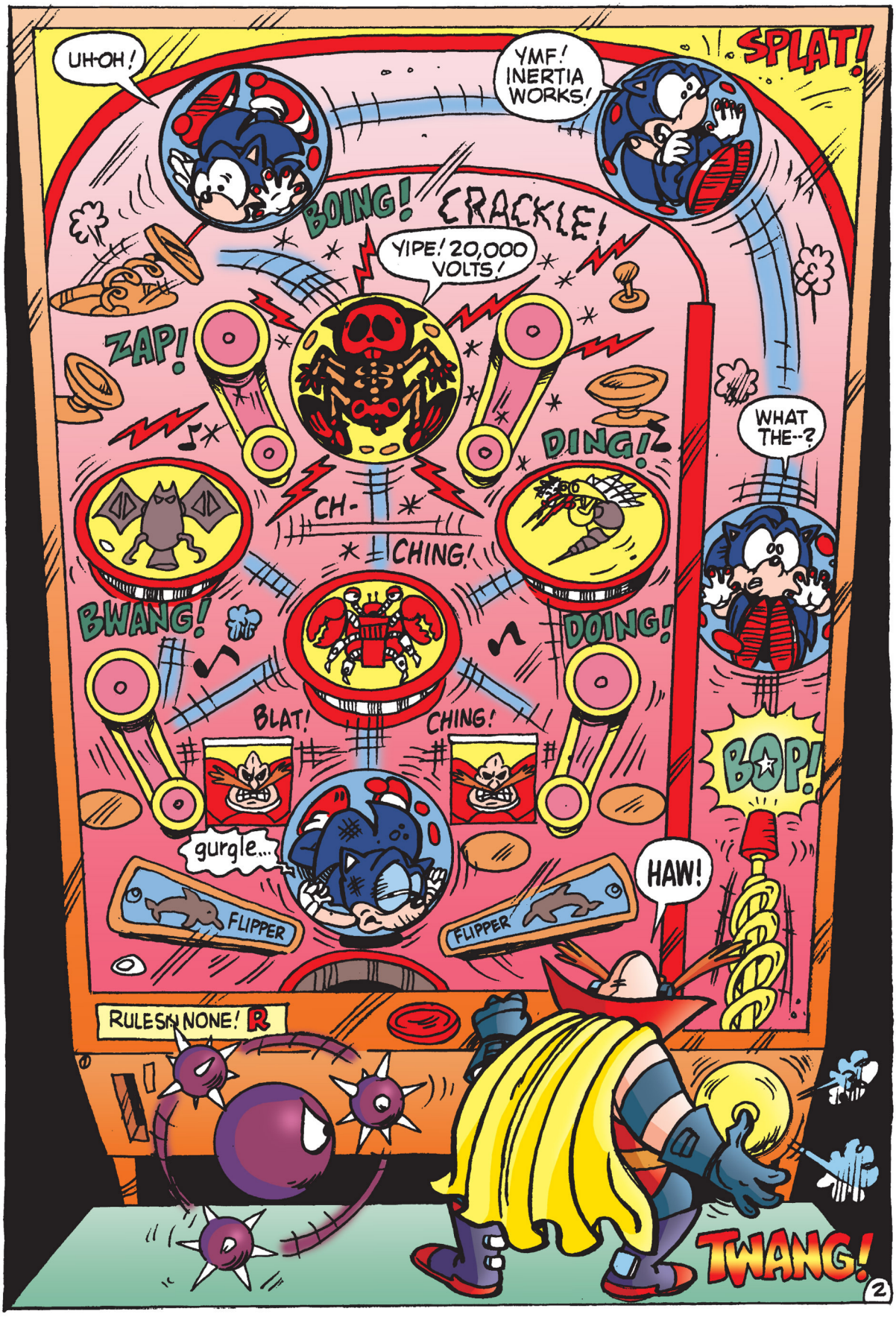
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
HAS BEEN SUBDUED...
...AND IS READY TO GO, OH OBESE ONE!
YOU BET MY LIFE!
PART II
CASINO
EXCELLENT! PUT HIM IN THE MACHINE!
OOG... ANYBODY GET THE 1-800 NUMBER OF THAT TRUCK?
HE'S JAMMED SO TIGHT INSIDE THAT SUPER-THICK GLASS BALL, HE CAN'T MANEUVER! PERFECT FOR MY GIANT PINBALL MACHINE!
HEY! WHOA! TIME OUT!
K-K-CHK...
INSERT BALL


UH-OH!
YMF! INERTIA WORKS!
SPLAT!
BOING!
CRACKLE!
YIPE! 20,000 VOLTS!
ZAP!
WHAT THE--?
DING!
CH-
CHING!
BWANG!
DOING!
BLAT!
CHING!
BOP!
gurgle...
HAW!
FLIPPER
FLIPPER
RULES: NONE! R
TWANG!
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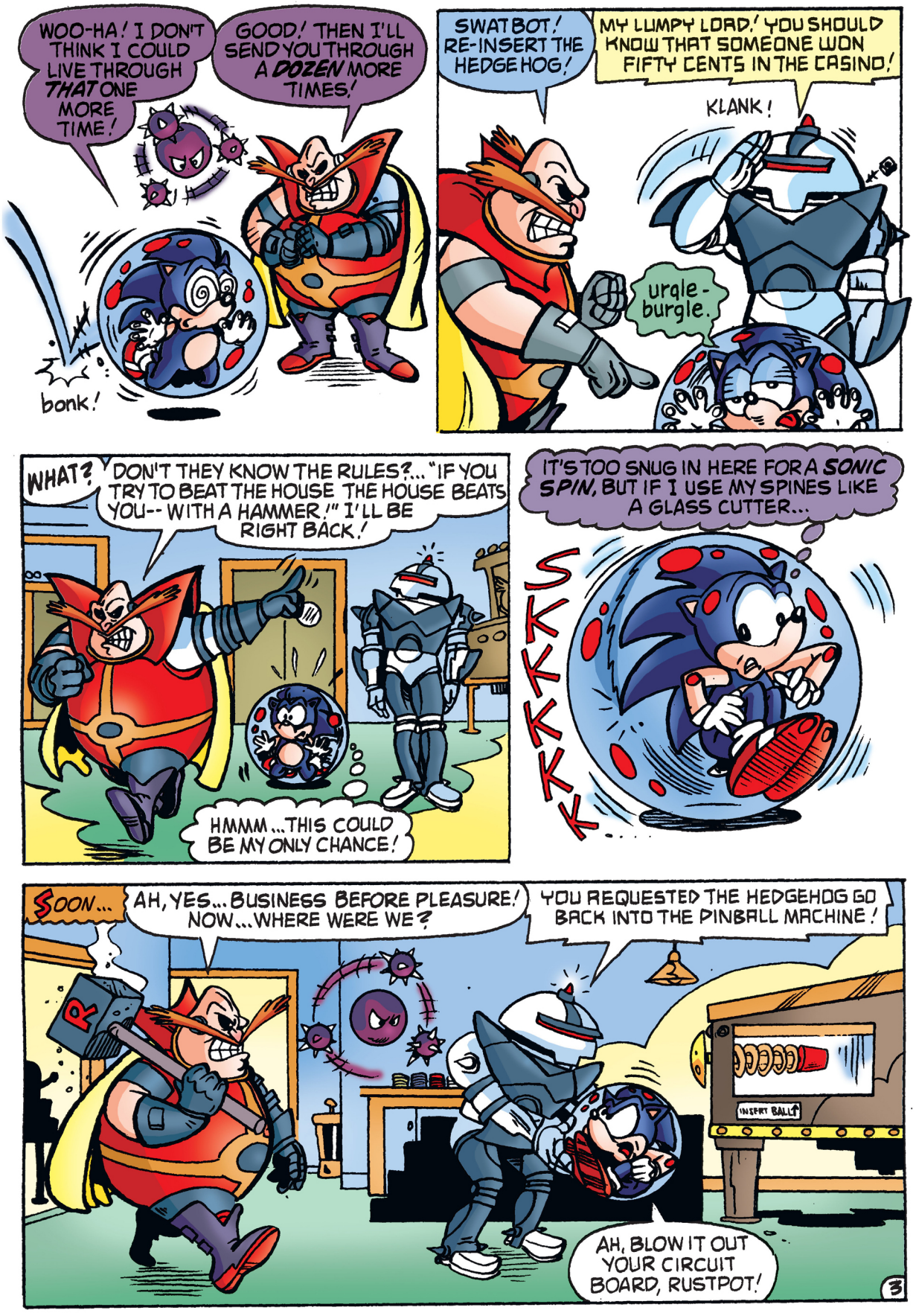
WOO-HA! I DON'T THINK I COULD LIVE THROUGH THAT ONE MORE TIME!
GOOD! THEN I'LL SEND YOU THROUGH A DOZEN MORE TIMES!
bonk!
SWAT BOT! RE-INSERT THE HEDGEHOG!
MY LUMPY LORD! YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT SOMEONE WON FIFTY CENTS IN THE CASINO!
KLANK!
urgle-burgle.
WHAT?
DON'T THEY KNOW THE RULES?... "IF YOU TRY TO BEAT THE HOUSE THE HOUSE BEATS YOU-- WITH A HAMMER!" I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
HMMM...THIS COULD BE MY ONLY CHANCE!
IT'S TOO SNUG IN HERE FOR A SONIC SPIN, BUT IF I USE MY SPINES LIKE A GLASS CUTTER...
SKKKKK
SOON...
AH, YES... BUSINESS BEFORE PLEASURE! NOW... WHERE WERE WE?
YOU REQUESTED THE HEDGEHOG GO BACK INTO THE PINBALL MACHINE!
INSERT BALL!
AH, BLOW IT OUT YOUR CIRCUIT BOARD, RUSTPOT!
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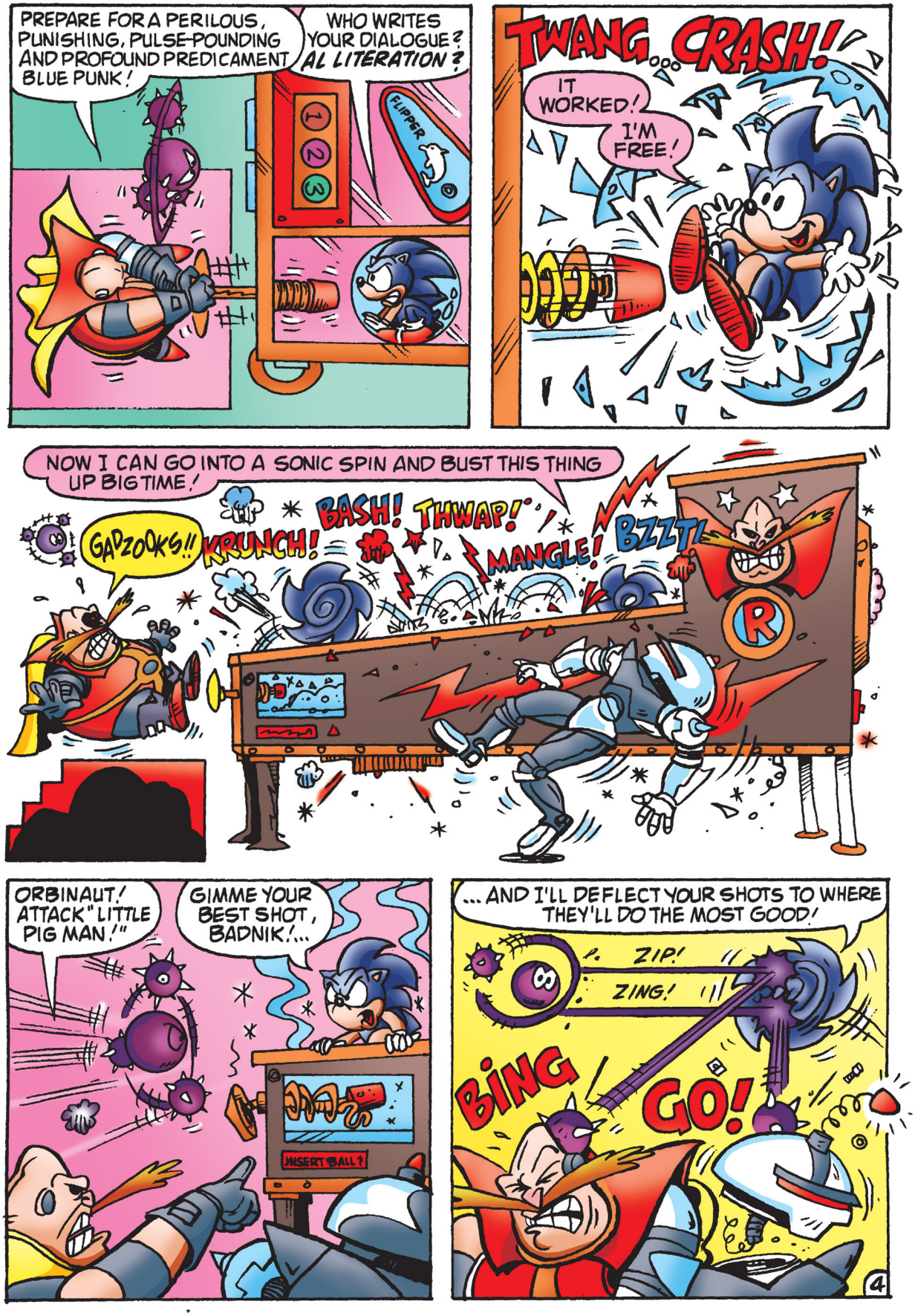
PREPARE FOR A PERILOUS, PUNISHING, PULSE-POUNDING AND PROFOUND PREDICAMENT BLUE PUNK!
WHO WRITES YOUR DIALOGUE? AL LITERATION?
1 2 3
FLIPPER
TWANG... CRASH!
IT WORKED!
I'M FREE!
NOW I CAN GO INTO A SONIC SPIN AND BUST THIS THING UP BIGTIME!
GADZOOKS!!
KRUNCH!
BASH!
THWAP!
MANGLE!
BZZT!
R
ORBINAUT! ATTACK "LITTLE PIG MAN!"
GIMME YOUR BEST SHOT, BADNIK!...
INSERT BALL?
... AND I'LL DEFLECT YOUR SHOTS TO WHERE THEY'LL DO THE MOST GOOD!
ZIP!
ZING!
BING
GO!
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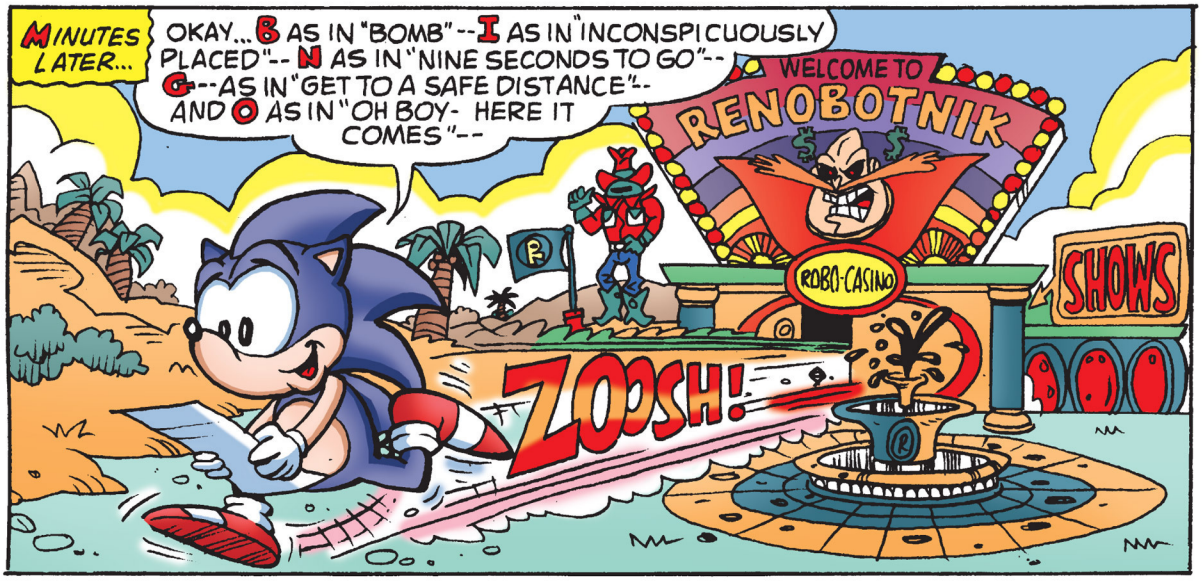
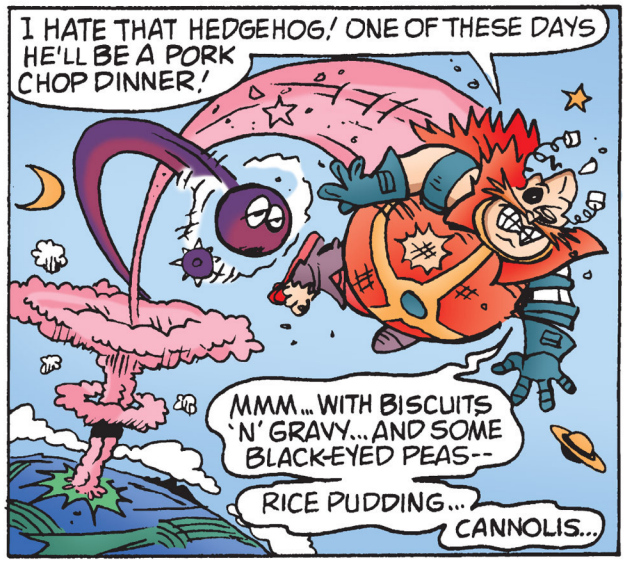
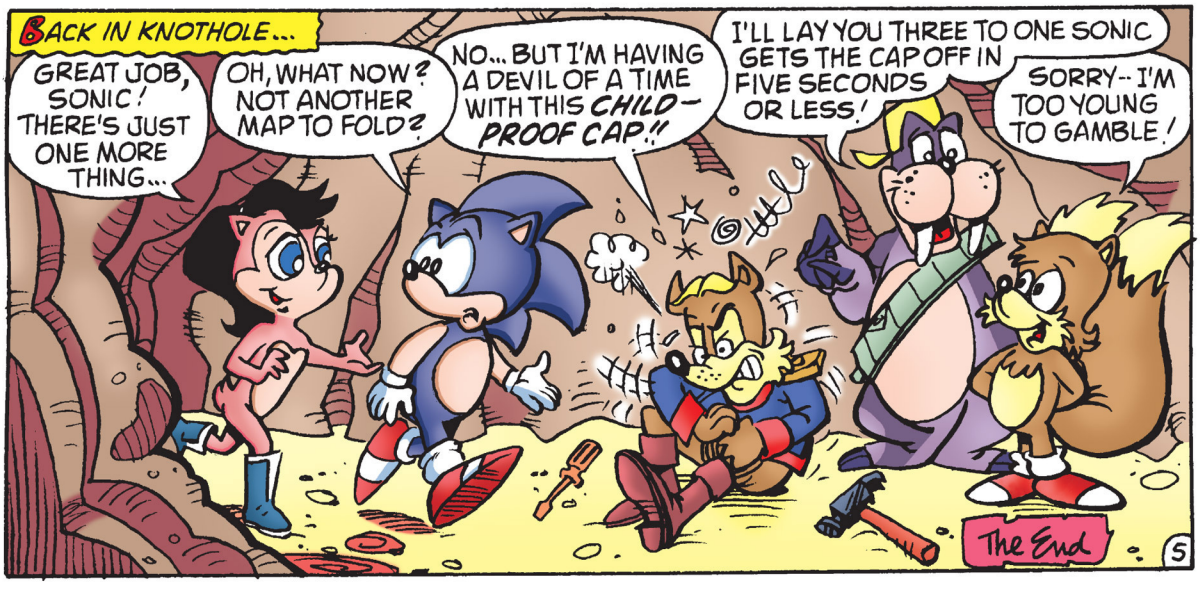
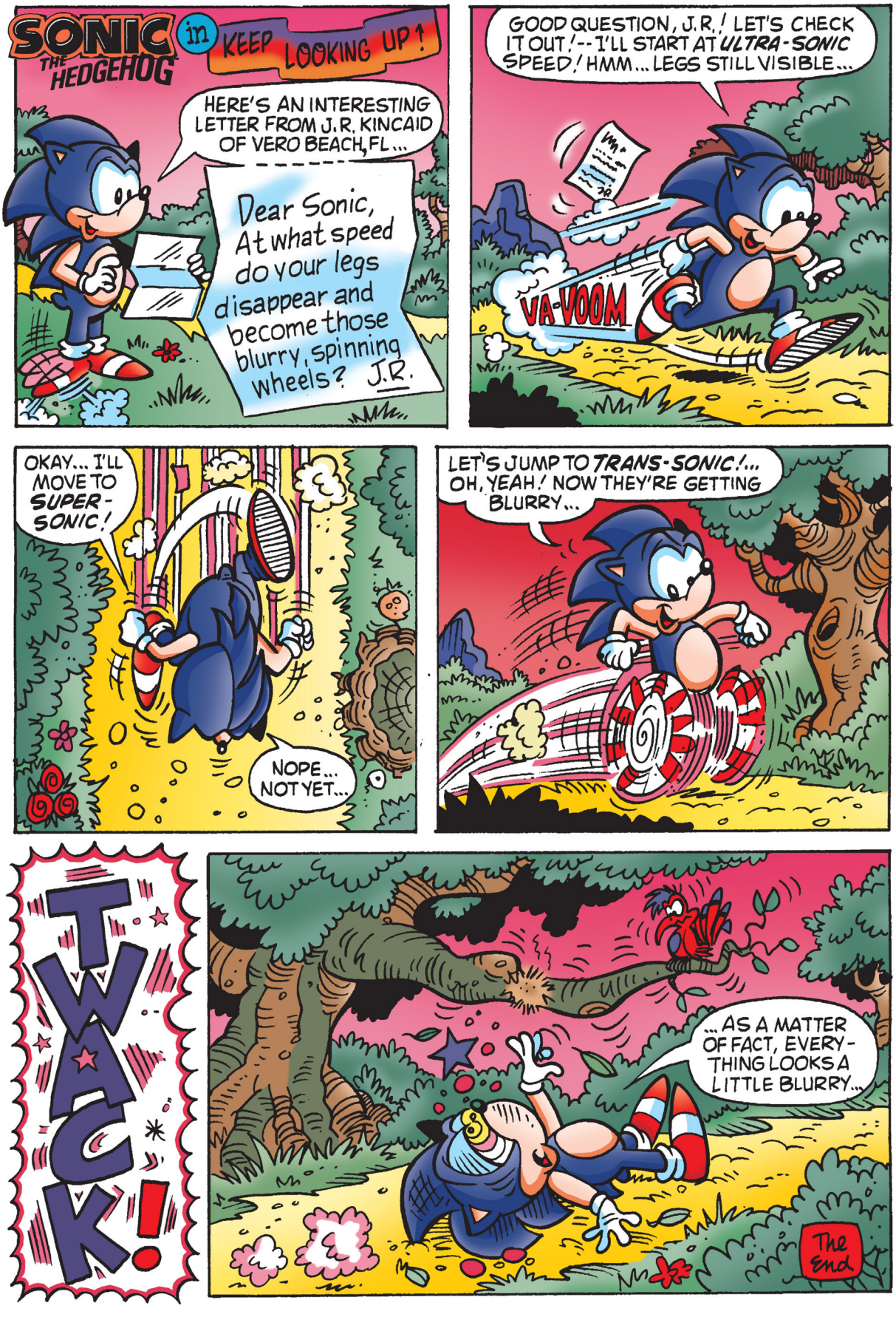

MINUTES LATER...
OKAY... B AS IN "BOMB"-- I AS IN "INCONSPICUOUSLY PLACED"-- N AS IN "NINE SECONDS TO GO"-- G--AS IN "GET TO A SAFE DISTANCE"-- AND O AS IN "OH BOY- HERE IT COMES"--
WELCOME TO
RENOBOTNIK
ROBO-CASINO
SHOWS
ZOOSH!

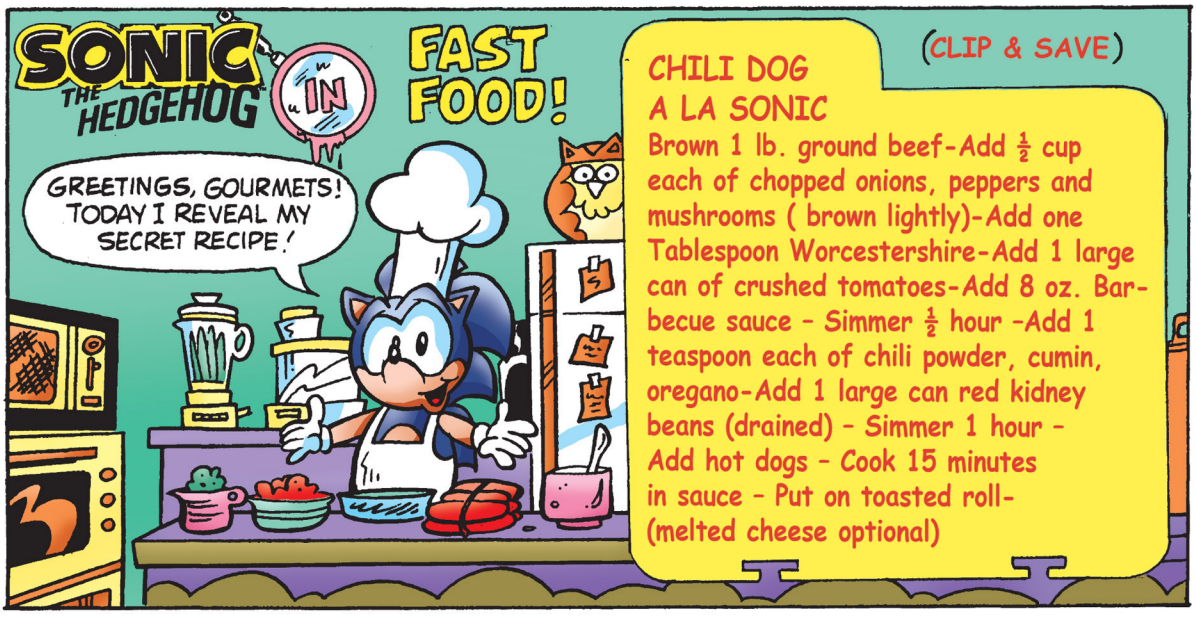
THAT SPELLS "BINGO"!
BLAMMO!
BINGO!
NO... NOT BINGO... BLAMMO!!

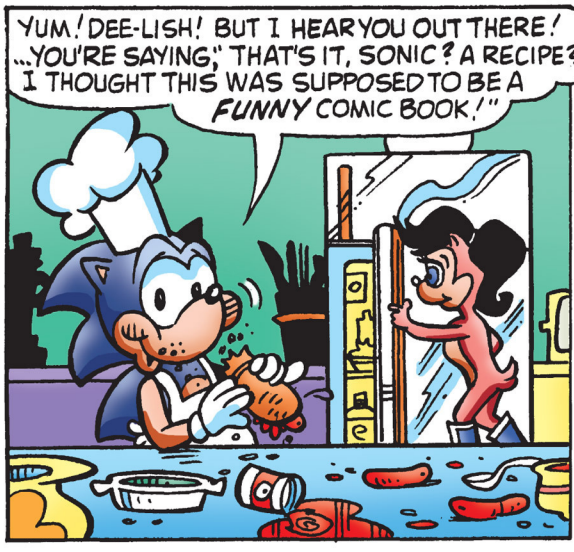

I HATE THAT HEDGEHOG! ONE OF THESE DAYS HE'LL BE A PORK CHOP DINNER!
MMM... WITH BISCUITS 'N' GRAVY... AND SOME BLACK-EYED PEAS--
RICE PUDDING...
CANNOLIS...

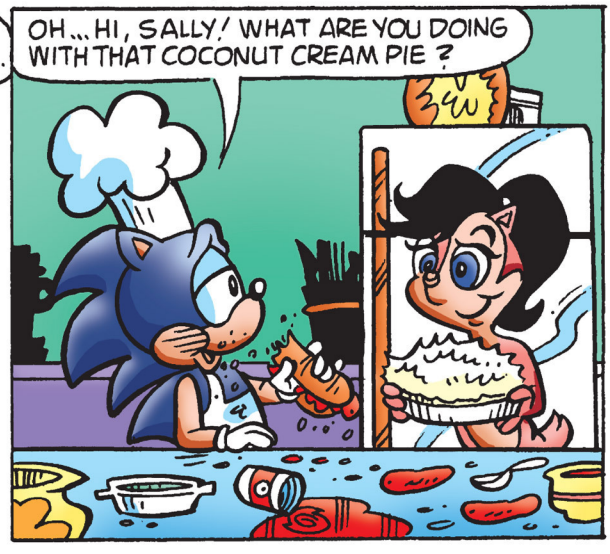

BACK IN KNOTHOLE...
GREAT JOB, SONIC! THERE'S JUST ONE MORE THING...
OH, WHAT NOW? NOT ANOTHER MAP TO FOLD?
NO... BUT I'M HAVING A DEVIL OF A TIME WITH THIS CHILD-PROOF CAP!!
I'LL LAY YOU THREE TO ONE SONIC GETS THE CAP OFF IN FIVE SECONDS OR LESS!
SORRY-- I'M TOO YOUNG TO GAMBLE!
The End

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN
I'D LIKE TO THANK...
WELCOME TO THE FIRST ANNUAL "ACORN AWARDS"!
HONORING THE BEST FREEDOM FIGHTERS ON THE PLANET MOBIUS!
LET'S GET TO IT... FOR OUTSTANDING RESOURCEFULNESS AGAINST ROBOTNIK'S SWATBOTS," THE WINNER IS...
...SONIC THE HEDGE-HUH?
ZOOM!
THANK YOU!
...AND FOR "BEST PERFORMANCE DISGUISED AS A ROBOT", THE WINNER IS SON--EEP!
WHOOSH!
YOU'RE TOO KIND!
FINALLY "BEST ALL AROUND FREEDOM FIGHTER-"
GOES TO S--
SHOOM!
WHAT A SURPRISE!
WELL, THAT WAS A QUICK CEREMONY!
YEAH... YOU MIGHT SAY SONIC RAN AWAY WITH IT!
THE END


SONIC THE HEDGEHOG in KEEP LOOKING UP!
HERE'S AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM J.R. KINCAID OF VERO BEACH, FL...
Dear Sonic, At what speed do your legs disappear and become those blurry, spinning wheels? J.R.
GOOD QUESTION, J.R.! LET'S CHECK IT OUT!--I'LL START AT ULTRA-SONIC SPEED! HMM... LEGS STILL VISIBLE...
VA-VOOM
OKAY... I'LL MOVE TO SUPER-SONIC!
NOPE... NOT YET...
LET'S JUMP TO TRANS-SONIC!... OH, YEAH! NOW THEY'RE GETTING BLURRY...
TWACK!
...AS A MATTER OF FACT, EVERYTHING LOOKS A LITTLE BLURRY...
The End


SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN FAST FOOD!
GREETINGS, GOURMETS! TODAY I REVEAL MY SECRET RECIPE!
(CLIP & SAVE)
CHILI DOG A LA SONIC
Brown 1 lb. ground beef-Add ½ cup each of chopped onions, peppers and mushrooms (brown lightly)-Add one Tablespoon Worcestershire-Add 1 large can of crushed tomatoes-Add 8 oz. Barbecue sauce - Simmer ½ hour -Add 1 teaspoon each of chili powder, cumin, oregano-Add 1 large can red kidney beans (drained) - Simmer 1 hour - Add hot dogs - Cook 15 minutes in sauce - Put on toasted roll- (melted cheese optional)


YUM! DEE-LISH! BUT I HEAR YOU OUT THERE! ...YOU'RE SAYING," THAT'S IT, SONIC? A RECIPE?.. I THOUGHT THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A FUNNY COMIC BOOK!"


OH... HI, SALLY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT COCONUT CREAM PIE ?

SHPLUNK!

WELL, I HOPE YOU'RE SATISFIED...
NOW, THAT'S FUNNY!
HAIR CUT
The End